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Senator Edward Kennedy
431 Russell Bldg.
Washington DC, 20510

Dear Senator Kennedy:

We are writing you to express our alarm at recent news received from Argentina related to two political prisoners whose names appeared, with 41 others, in a "death list" made public by the Washington Post on February 3.

According to this last report Dr. Ernesto Villanueva, former Dean of the University of Buenos Aires, and Dr. Jorge Taiana, son of a former Education Minister, have been transferred from their regular cells to a "death row".

The fact that Jose M. Rappaport, another prisoner whose name figured in the "death list", was found dead in his cell February 5, after being transferred to a "death-block" in La Plata jail, makes us fear for their lives.

Both Dr. Villanueva and Dr. Taiana are very respected professionals, held prisoners by the Argentine military authorities without due charges.

We urge you to contact the Argentine authorities and intercede in their behalf. We believe that your concern might save the prisoners lives.

Sincerely

Ana Suarez

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Press Secretary

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Representative

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